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STRUCTURED WORKFOLDER

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RESPONSE

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 18, 2000.

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed July 18, 2000 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claim 1-58 are pending in this application, with claims 1, 28 and 37 being the only independent claims.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-58 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nakagawa et al. (USPN 5,819,295).

Before discussing the prior art and the Examiner's rejections of the claims in view of the prior art, a brief summary of the present invention is appropriate. The present invention is directed to a structured workfolder which is a shared structured data object that provides a data environment where all documents, supporting data, and history related to a unit of work may be grouped together. Placeholders within the data object are used to indicate documents expected to be placed in the workfolder, even before they are created. Thus, the